Noyes Library Advisory Committee October 4, 2018, 7:15pm ET Kensington Park Public Library

Attendees: Sarah Stanton Huxta (chair), Mark Winek (secretary), Laura Pomerance, Christine Freeman (Agency Manager), Kirsten Tellam Withrow, Amanda Burks (Foundation Representative), Jessica Palladino, Kimberly Sherman, Lesley Maloney

- 1. Call to order 7:20pm ET
- 2. Introductions
  - a. Kimberly Sherman newly appointed member
- 3. Approval of September 2018 Minutes
  - a. Approved with no objections or abstentions
- 4. Chair's Report
  - a. Brigitte made some calls to the Town of Kensington regarding parking around Noyes. There are not currently plans to make adjustments to residential parking. Bridget was referred back to the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Ideas for Saturday Programming
    - i. Books about a specific sport, then perform some actions or activities outside related to that sport
    - ii. Art projects related to specific books
      - 1. Messy projects are usually moved to the courtyard
    - iii. Music-related programming
      - 1. Are there any limitations for noise?
        - a. There have been concerts at Noyes before. The neighbors are supportive. The problem is that outdoor programs are subject to weather conditions.
      - 2. There are also limitations due to funding, as Noyes does not have a Friends group and the Foundation is focused on the renovation
        - a. Gigs and some orchestras may be available for free
    - iv. Nature activities
      - Gather leaves and make a collage with them after reading a book about Fall
      - 2. Christine: there was an apple program done once with a number of different types of apples brought in
    - v. Are there any programming ideas that are big no-nos?
      - 1. Packaged food is allowed, but other nuts are generally avoided
    - vi. Do you ever do programs in Spanish?
      - 1. Christine: We have in the past but it wasn't very successful. There is also a problem with having the staff to run them.
      - 2. Amanda: Reach out the Kensington bookstore Bonjour Mama?

- 3. Kirsten: There was a recent song in Spanish
- b. Signs
  - i. Toni reported to Sarah that the Library Director approved the three street signs with two changes. The text will read "The Noyes Library" to conform to the official name of the library and the signs will be in green (not blue) to conform to county signage.
  - ii. Signs will be at
    - 1. Kensington Parkway and Montgomery Avenue
    - 2. Montgomery Avenue and Carroll Place
    - 3. Connecticut Avenue and Baltimore Street
- 6. Branch Manager's Report and Needs
  - a. Will be chairing weekly personnel meeting next week
  - b. Meeting with the architects for the renovation during the month of October
    - i. This is her first time meeting with them
- 7. Discussion/Feedback with Branch Manager
  - a. Christine asked the group how things are going?
    - i. Baby storytime is working better
  - Book checkouts are working differently a bin is being used temporarily until a new desk is installed
- 8. Updates from Affiliated Organizations
  - a. Noyes Foundation
    - i. Train show
      - 1. Rainy weekend, so many people came
      - 2. \$3,000 earned, which included the donation of the proceeds from the pancake breakfast at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
    - ii. Teddy Bear Picnic
      - 1. Planned to have 25 kids and their parents
      - Half were supposed to be from Crossways, who did not come.
        This was disappointing, as the Foundation wanted to develop a relationship with the group
    - iii. Wine Down Wednesday by the Kensington Ladies Guild
      - 1. Gathering outside of Noyes at 7:30pm on Wednesday, October 10
      - 2. Visitors will be able to visit Noyes after closing, which will be good for community members without children
      - 3. A poster will be provided to Christine for posting in Noyes
      - 4. A liquor license may have been obtained, which would allow the event to occur inside after the library closes.
    - iv. Owl Drink to That
      - 1. On September 13 sponsored by the Friends of Warner Circle
    - v. Pumpkin Rock and Roll
      - 1. Weekend of October 27
      - 2. Will have a 125 birthday celebration at Noyes, as the cost for a table at the main event is cost prohibitive

- 3. Birthday cake will be provided
- vi. Fundraising
  - 1. The Foundation is pushing to raise \$800,000 by the end of the calendar year to meet some matching bond measures
  - 2. Will start doing peer-to-peer fundraising on Facebook, as they do not charge fees for non-profits.
  - 3. Targeted corporate packets are available
- b. Library Board
  - i. The board liaison was unable to attend the meeting.
- 9. New Business
  - a. Refreshing signage at Noyes
    - i. There is some signage that has incorrect hours and an address that is difficult to read.
    - ii. Christine has asked facilities to look into repairs to the signage.
- 10. Open Floor
  - a. No remarks.
- 11. Adjournment 8:05pm ET